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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE 85000

TOWN OF DANBURY,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH, 1870.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Auditors of the town of Danbury :

The Treasurer of said town hereby submits a report of his financial transactions for the year ending March 1, 1870.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury as reported March 26, 1869,	\$509 97
Received of John T. G. Eastman,	150 00
Jason Walker,	750 00
A. D. Caswell,	200 00
Emmons' heirs,	116 40
John K. Flanders,	50 00
T. H. Danforth,	12 39
Wells Currier,	300 00
James S. Knowlton,	100 00
Isaac Jones,	100 00
Emmons' heirs,	173 28
Miss M. J. Robinson,	150 00
George Cole,	600 00
Isaiah Langley,	66 00
Mrs. L. M. Currier,	125 00
John L. Langley,	450 00
County pauper bills,	441 99
Savings Bank tax,	247 88
Railroad tax,	401 82
Literary fund,	39 00
Town hall agent,	3 70
Parsonage interest,	27 59
Literary interest,	4 01
Edwin Litchfield, collector for 1868,	24 00
“ “ “ 1869,	2,992 36
by abatements for 1869,	27 23
State tax,	1,248 00
County tax,	595 87
School tax,	525 00
	\$10,431 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,248 00
County tax,	595 87
School tax,	525 00

 \$2,368 87

Paid Literary fund,	\$233 43
Parsonage fund,	16 12

 \$249 55
County Paupers.

Paid for support of John H. Guy,	\$63 54
Thomas Field,	101 02
Priscilla Smith,	77 08
Carissa Giles,	36 75
Polly Pierce,	14 74
G. S. Martin,	67 74

 \$360 87
Town Paupers.

Paid for support of John Peters and family,	\$174 43
J. W. Roby,	138 16
David Johnson's family,	36 60
E. F. Blackman's family,	32 73
Sarah Lovering,	4 00

 \$385 92
Highways.

Paid for repairing roads and bridges,	\$329 10
breaking roads,	30 99
watering troughs,	9 00
building new highway,	70 37
land damage on new highway,	48 00

 \$487 46
Miscellaneous Items.

Paid Joshua Jackson, damage on horse,	\$25 00
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Paid H. H. Huntoon, damage on Murray bridge,	2 00
G. W. Dean, damage by dogs,	12 00
	\$39 00

Current Expenses.

Paid T. E. Clough, wood furnished town hall,	\$4 25
George W. Dean, for services as selectman, 1868,	6 00
T. E. Clough, " "	9 50
J. C. Webster, for recording report 1867,	1 00
George W. Dean, as selectman and overseer of poor,	66 00
T. E. Clough, as selectman and overseer of poor,	64 50
Alonzo Wilkins, as selectman and overseer of poor,	42 00
George W. Dean, as town treasurer,	25 00
T. E. Clough, town clerk,	12 00
John LeBosquet, superintending school committee,	30 00
Edwin Litchfield, collector for 1869,	80 00
expense to Concord to have Danbury annexed to Merrimack county,	48 90
W. T. Norris, for legal service,	5 00
for stationery, car fare, and various items,	25 00
over taxing,	49 28
I. S. Brown, town hall agent,	1 00
	\$469 43

Abatements.

Paid by abatements of taxes for 1868,	\$3 15
" " " 1869,	27 23
	\$30 38

Old Claims.

Paid Darius Messer,	\$107 01
Congregational Society,	1,055 00
George A. Waldron,	114 45
T. H. Danforth,	60 00

Paid Cummings and Lydia Hubbard,	124 71
Orrin H. Patten,	402 48
J. Smith Roby,	140 77
Miss Nellie J. Martin,	342 08
Morrill Currier,	43 69
Mrs. Polly Blackman,	176 59
Noah Youngman,	211 84
Mrs. Hannah Walker,	309 61
Emmons' heirs,	2,063 55
G. W. Dean,	165 99
Butterfield & Hill, printing report 1868,	28 00
D. P. Walker, literary fund, 1868,	26 31
David Sleeper,	1 95
Nathan Butrick,	11 25
	\$5,385 28

New Claims.

Paid John K. Flanders,	\$51 25
Wells Currier,	50 00
	\$101 25

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 1225 36
 600
 2949 49

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RECAPITULATION.

Whole Amount Received.

Money hired,	\$3,330 68
Received of State,	688 70
miscellaneous,	47 69
collectors,	3,016 36
county,	441 99
by abatements,	27 23
State, county and school taxes,	2,368 87
Cash in treasury as reported 1869,	509 97
	\$10,431 49

Whole Amount Disbursed.

Paid State, county and school taxes,	\$2,368 87
literary and parsonage funds,	249 55
county paupers,	360 87
town paupers,	385 92
highway,	487 46
miscellaneous items,	39 00
current expenses,	469 43
abatements,	30 38
old claims,	5,385 28
new claims,	101 25
Cash in the treasury,	553 48
	\$10,431 49

Outstanding Debts.

Due George Cole,	\$1,118 13
Morrill Currier,	454 50
Jesse Cole,	220 48
Mrs. M. O. Frazier,	110 24
Abel Ford,	154 76
John Frazier,	110 24
Moses Frazier,	110 24
Mrs. D. H. Barnes,	214 12
J. T. G. Eastman,	254 40
J. C. Frazier,	263 94
Mrs. Nancy Pillsbury,	2,079 79

Due John Frazier,	1,111 94
George Cole,	1,225 36
David Sleeper,	157 94
Emmons' heirs,	525 74
T. E. Clough,	1,445 84
Miss Lydia Currier,	286 20
Andrew Sleeper,	266 06
W. N. Barclay's estate,	169 06
Mrs. M. F. Barclay,	110 75
David Clay,	68 00
Miss H. L. Walker,	207 70
Mrs. M. Knowlton,	127 20
Mrs. Mary O. Frazier,	1,311 19
Baptist Society trustees,	1,050 00
William D. Crockett,	608 44
Mrs. M. A. Crockett,	360 40
Mrs. M. A. Butrick,	79 00
Nathan Butrick,	100 00
J. J. Norris,	1,285 78
Sewell Dickerson,	100 80
Miss Joanna Brown,	207 43
Cummings Hubbard,	558 89
Mrs. Lydia Hubbard,	558 89
Moses Frazier,	117 00
Mrs. Elenor C. Stuart,	688 59
J. T. G. Eastman,	870 20
R. L. Hazeltine,	29 00
J. S. Knowlton,	113 00
Mrs. Betsey Huntoon,	112 00
J. T. G. Eastman,	156 00
Jason Walker,	791 25
A. D. Caswell,	210 00
Emmons' heirs,	122 40
Wells Currier,	261 25
James S. Knowlton,	103 00
Isaac Jones,	103 00
Emmons' heirs,	183 36
Miss M. J. Robinson,	153 00
George Cole,	600 00
Isaiah Langley,	66 00
Mrs. L. M. Currier,	125 00
J. L. Langley,	450 00

Due literary,	57 03
Parsonage,	11 47

\$22,336 00

Outstanding Credits.

Due from Edwin Litchfield, collector for 1869,	\$103 85
county pauper bills 1868,	39 75
“ “ 1869,	283 69

\$427 29

Whole amount of debts outstanding,	\$22,336 00
Deducting credit,	427 29

\$21,908 71

Deducting cash in treasury,	553 48
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\$21,355 23

Whole amount of indebtedness of the town March 1, 1870, above available assets,	\$21,355 23
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Reduced the indebtedness of the town,	\$806 37
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GEORGE W. DEAN, *Treasurer of Danbury.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Treasurer's report to us, and found the same correctly cast and satisfactorily vouched.

STILLMAN CLARK,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
W. T. NORRIS,	

March 1, 1870.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Selectmen and People of Danbury :

Your Superintending School Committee, having gone the round of his duties for the past year, has the honor to report that our school system has been in operation during this period in a successful manner.

The appended statistical table gives the names of the Prudential Committees and teachers, the length of the schools, the number of scholars, the amount of money received by the districts, and the wages of the teachers per month, including board.

Other particulars may be mentioned, as follows :

DISTRICT No. 1.

On visiting the school during the first term, I took note of the quietness, pains-taking, and efficiency of the teacher and the docility and working habits of the scholars. What was learned was well learned, and was highly satisfactory in amount.

The second term, with its larger scholars, and its laborious and kind-hearted teacher, was in every respect excellent. Both teacher and scholars went to school for work. Several of the older scholars were necessarily absent at the close.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This school commenced with two scholars and closed with one, and was a demonstration that a large number is not necessary to the highest success. *Book Keeping* was among the studies, and it was well mastered.

DISTRICT No. 3.—No school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The lady teacher of the first term here had a better opportunity for displaying her talents, (which are very good,) than in No. 2. She had now a school of nine—seven of whom were present at the close. There were some excellent recitations. Like some other schools, this was too small for anything but good order.

In the winter, this school again closed with seven scholars—the ill health of some of the older ones having been, in fact, the source of its reduction in numbers. *Book Keeping* here found an active student. The teacher was one who will have a good school wherever employed.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The Summer term was taught by a *mother*. Her best endeavors were put forth; and good order and good progress in study, together with the warm affection of her pupils, were her reward.

The Winter term was under the care of one of our best lady teachers. There was good order, some excellent *spelling*, and every characteristic of a fine school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This large school had, for the first term, a thoroughly qualified and well disposed teacher. Against the common application of the sentiment that “a prophet is not without honor save in his own country,” she labored quite successfully; and at the close it was evident that the term had been highly profitable to the scholars.

In the Winter, this school was very large, and yet in every respect very good. The recitations, and especially the *order* on the closing day, were such as to do great credit to the scholars, and to show that the teacher had gained their good will to a remarkable degree, and had proved himself eminently qualified for his task.

DISTRICT No. 7.

For both terms this school was favored with experienced and excellent teachers. It has in it many orderly, studious, and advancing scholars. But a little more of the spirit of *order*, on the part of a large number, would be a very great improvement.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Both terms were taught by one teacher, who has been well tried, and not found wanting. Among the few scholars, there were a

good proportion of a high character, doing credit to themselves and their instructress.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The teacher in Summer was young, unassuming, and well disposed; and one who gives promise of much usefulness. Her scholars were well behaved, and made good improvement.

The Winter teacher had the advantage of experience and a perfect acquaintance with her scholars; and was most happy in seeing good order and giving a true excellence to all the exercises of the school.

DISTRICT No. 10.

There is in this district material for a very fine school. But the teacher of the first term did not succeed in making it appear to the best advantage. I will venture to attribute the evil to her extreme youthfulness, and not seeing the necessity of keeping more close company with her books out of school.

The Winter term had a teacher of excellent qualifications, and the school brightened up to its rank among the best schools in town.

Our great study is *Arithmetic*. In it we have smart scholars in almost every school. In *Grammar*, (another of the difficult branches,) we are not behind; while in *Reading*, *Spelling*, *Geography* and *Penmanship*, the attainments of our young people are of a high order.

A few scholars have shown very commendable energy in unraveling the mysteries of *Algebra*,—a study that is more popular than useful. At least its utility is confined to the cultivation of the mental powers, excepting when the student is preparing to teach. Those higher studies which would be of use every day, such as *Book Keeping*, *Astronomy* and *Philosophy*, are almost wholly neglected.

Our school system has *power* on its side. If it moves steadily and strongly forward, it is better than if attention were principally attracted by occasional brilliant displays. And yet, greater interest seems called for. Our common schools are the seminaries in which the great majority of our children obtain their education for the

stern emergencies of life. Our citizens cannot do too much for them.

Our school houses are not kept in repair as they should be, for the health and comfort of the scholars.

A private school was kept, in the Autumn, in District No. 6, by Miss Susie R. Le Bosquet; and one of the same description in the Autumn of 1867, by Miss Ellen F. Clough, which I failed to mention in my report of that year. Both of these were an addition to the privileges of our young people.

Acknowledging the efficient co-operation of the prudential committees of the several districts, I respectfully submit the views now expressed.

JOHN LE BOSQUET,

Superintending School Committee.

DANBURY, March 1, 1870.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District.	Prudential Committee.	Amount of Money.	Term.	Teachers.	Wages per Month.	Weeks of School.	Number of Scholars.
1	H. L. M. Clark.	\$96 72	1	Plooma A. Messer.	\$15 40	8	19
			2	H. L. M. Clark.	20 00	11	18
2	William H. Hodgdon.	54 32	1	Abbie J. Follansbee.	19 68	12	2
3	No school.	37 25					
4	Dearborn Perkins.	95 57	1	Abbie J. Follansbee.	18 00	9	13
			2	L. M. Jackson.	25 00	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
5	John S. Ford.	72 92	1	Abigail E. Paine.	18 00	7	13
			2	Plooma A. Messer.	18 00	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
6	P. G. Sargent.	135 75	1	Ellen F. Clough.	20 00	8	33
			2	Charles R. Clark.	32 00	10	47
7	John Hilliard.	97 71	1	Sarah E. Sulloway.	19 00	7	27
			2	H. L. M. Clark.	25 00	7	34
8	Moses Frazier.	79 11	1	H. Jennie Buswell.	16 00	6	6
			2	H. Jennie Buswell.	19 00	10	7
9	Horace Webster.	75 77	1	Octavia L. Greeley.	15 80	6	14
			2	Ervilla S. Barney.	18 80	8	15
10	N. G. Wiggins.	54 51	1	Annie S. Hadley.	15 00	6	10
			2	L. J. Taylor.	15 00	7	12
	Paid Dist. No. 1, Grafton	16 23				138	186
	Whole amount,	\$815.86					

